



PTO Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Oct. 08, 2024, 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order @ 7pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. In attendance: Barbara Schaefer, Katrina McLaughlin, Arlene Kruser, Sara Erdmann, Amy Weicheck & Carly Bo-Hansen
3. Attendees
 - a. Julie Kenny, Scott Walton, Theresa Meshes, Christine Curtis
4. Business
 - a. Correspondence
 - i. None this month.
 - b. Treasurer Report
 - i. Current bank balance is \$17,245.26 as of 10/8. Debts include but are not limited to field trips for 3rd & 8th grade, attorney fees & PTO insurance and keychains for the environmental committee. Deposits include but are not limited to directory sales, lottery, dine & share El Sombrero.
 - c. Administration Reports
 - i. Mr. Walton reporting: Thank you PTO for your continued support & partnership.
 - d. Liaison Updates
 - i. Ms. Bo-Hansen reporting: Thank you for funds for our field trip!
5. Action Item
 - a. Teacher Grants
 - i. None this month
 - b. Fall Fun
 - i. After creating a signup genius and posting on the PTO website & Facebook page we still had no one volunteer to run the PTO table at fall fest so unfortunately we will not be having a table set up this year.
6. Event Reports
 - a. Family Night - Skate Night
 - i. We had 65 people attend our back to school skate night at Extreme Wheels on 9/29
7. Ongoing Committee Reports
 - a. After School Programming
 - i. Yoga & Art at ARS starting 10/21-12/16 Mondays 310-415pm See flyer on Facebook or PTO Website for details

- b. Box Tops
 - i. Current Box Top total is \$69.60 3rd grade is currently the top grade. Double Box Tops when you refer a friend 10/14-10/20 you get a \$5 bonus & they do too when they scan a qualifying receipt!
- c. Directory
 - i. If you have not done so already please send in your directory payments. Directories are being sent home this week for those who have paid! Directories will be available for purchase in both school's offices 1 for \$8 or for \$12
- d. Environmental Committee
 - i. Barbara is working with Dunkin in FRG about a recycling opportunity, more details soon! Little Bites are still being collected and turned in for money once a certain weight has been collected. The Recycle Club will begin this Friday at ARS. Thank you Amy Bunton for volunteering to help with the recycle club. Trash to Treasure creations are now on display in the youth department at the FRG Memorial Library! FRGMS Recycle Club is in need of volunteers. Please reach out to Barbara Schafer if you are interested in helping out.
- e. Local Merchant
 - i. \$356 was raised from our September El Sombrero dine & share! October dine & share are: 10/8 all day El Sombrero FRG and 10/22 4pm-8pm Noodles & Co in Crystal Lake.
- f. Lottery/Children's Fundraiser
 - i. \$5,236.48 was raised from our lottery fundraiser after Venmo fees, raffle permit, lottery winners and 3rd grade top prize were paid out.
 - ii. Theresa has been looking into other possible fundraising ideas moving forward. Those include: Raise Above, Perfect Pastries, Rite Bite, World's Finest Chocolates, Read, Walk, Hoop A Thon. We thought something involving the students more would be best like a walk a thon. Theresa will look into more details and report back.
- g. School Supply Kits
 - i. Thank you Christine for researching alternative options for school supply kit vendors. After discussion we have decided to stay with School Tool Box with a ship to school only option which significantly lowers the cost per box for families vs. ship to home which was the option for the past few years but had a much higher cost per box. Box pick up will be coordinated and communicated to families before school starting in August 2025.
- h. ARS Book Fair
 - i. Scholastic Book Fair will be 11/20-11/26 at ARS. More details about how you can help volunteer will be available soon!
- i. FRGMS Book Fair
 - i. No update this month
- j. VIP & Me Activity

- i. Committees are up on the Signup Genius for the VIP & Me activities looking for volunteers!
 - k. Fun Day
 - i. No update this month.
 - l. Bi-Monthly Family Activity
 - i. 10/11 5:30pm-8pm ARS Gym FREE board game night for all ages! For free pizza RSVP to Theresa Meshes at 773-230-9096
 - m. ARS Yearbook
 - i. ARS yearbook committee is looking for pictures from field trips, class parties, first day of school etc. Please make sure photos only contain ARS students. Please note the grade level in the subject line of email. Photos can be sent to arsyearbookphotos@gmail.com
 - 8. Board Comments
 - a. Barbara: VIP & Me activity & dance the committees are up on Signup Genius to sign up to volunteer and all 3:30pm PTO meetings will be moved to ARS moving forward! 7pm meetings will stay at the FRGMS.
 - 9. Open Comments
 - a. Mr. Walton: I have connected with one of the counselors at CGHS who will be having varsity football players come visit ARS on 11/8 and she is also trying to get other clubs involved with visiting schools as well. CGHS does "Letters from Santa" for youth in Chicago, however they are trying to make it more local this year with families that feed into CGHS. Mr. Walton is excited for the partnership opportunities with CGHS.
 - 10. Announcements
 - a. Next meeting is 11/12 3:30pm at ARS
- Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.